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CONTROL"

1. THERE ARE TWO PRINCIPAL AND DISTINCT PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 14. ONE RELATES TO A MOVE TO INTEGRATE THE INCB SECRETARIAT WITH THAT OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THESE EFFORTS AND HAVE MADE A CLEAR RECORD OF OUR OPPOSITION IN THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, ECOSOC AND ELSEWHERE. WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE THE ABACQ CONCLUDE THAT THE TWO SECRETARIATS SHOULD REMAIN SEPARATE. WE WOULD PREFER, THEREFORE, TO SEE ANY PROPOSAL TO MERGE THE SECRETARIAT KILLED IN COMMITTEE V, BUT IF THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE WE CAN ACQUESCENCE IN THEIR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE CPC. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT IN THE CPC WE COULD EITHER BURY THE PROPOSAL FOR INTEGRATION OR COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION REFLECTING OUR POSITION. FOR
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THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE V,

THE DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE INCB SECRETARIAT SERVICES A TREATY ORGAN WHOSE ANTECEDENTS GO BACK BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE INCB BE MAINTAINED. IT IS AN EXECUTIVE-JUDICIAL AGENCY

WITH INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE AMENDING PROTOCOL, NOT CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENTS. THE DND, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS CONTROLLED BY THE CND, WHICH IS A LEGISLATIVE BODY WHERE GOVERNMENTS ARE REPRESENTED. ECOSOC HAS TWICE GONE ON RECORD AS FAVORING SEPARATE SECRETARIATS (RES. 2296 (XLII) OF MAY 26, 1967 AND 1775 (LIV) OF MAY 28, 1973. THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE COMMITTEE V IS FOR A CPC STUDY. ANY ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE FAVORING MERGER WOULD CLEARLY BE INAPPROPRIATE BEFORE THAT STUDY TAKES PLACE. THE DELEGATION IS URGED TO CONSULT DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ACTIVE IN FIELD OF DRUG ABUSE CONTROL SUCH AS THE CANADIANS, BRITISH, FRENCH, YUGOSLAVS, TURKS, AFGHANS, THAIS, GERMANS, SWEDES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO MUSTER SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION.

2. THE OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE ACABQ'S REPORT RELATES TO ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AGAINST EXPANSIONS REQUESTED BY THE SYG IN THE STAFF OF THE INCB AND THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. WE HAVE FAVORED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANSION IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF UN NARCOTIC CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND IN PARTICULAR IN LIGHT OF THE IMPORTANT NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THE INCB IS ASSUMING IN CONNECTION WITH THE TWO NEW INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS; I.E., THE AMENDING PROTOCOL TO THE 1961 CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THE PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT THE INCB AND THE DIVISION BE FULLY EQUIPPED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE CURRENT DRUG EPIDEMIC. (FOUR POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED FROM UNFDAC TO WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY CONTRIBUTING AT RATE OF 78 PERCENT.) WE REGRET THAT THE ACABQ FOUND THAT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THESE POSITIONS WAS INSUFFICIENT. WHILE WE DO NOT REALISTICALLY HOPE TO OVERTURN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACABQ IN COMMITTEE V AND HAVE OTHER, WEIGHTY REASONS FOR NOT CHALLENGING THE ACABQ RECOMMENDATION, WE WOULD HOPE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAVE THE WAY TO IMPROVED JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SYG'S SUGGESTED INCREASES AND A MORE FAVORABLE OUTCOME FOR THE STAFFING OF THE UN'S NARCOTIC PROGRAM. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, REQUEST THE DELEGATION TO MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE: MR. CHAIRMAN: IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM 14, "INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL," AND THE ACABQ REPORT THEREON, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REMIND THE COMMITTEE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH MY GOV-

ERNMENT ASSIGNS TO THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. TRADITIONALLY WE HAVE BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE TREATIES WHICH REGULATE LICIT TRAFFIC AND OF UN ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPRESSING ILLICIT TRAFFIC, IN DEALING WITH THEIR OWN NARCOTIC ABUSE PROBLEMS AND IN FINDING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD

FOR FARMERS WHO GROW NARCOTICS. BECAUSE OF OUR INTEREST WE WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT THE ACABQ WOULD HAVE BEEN CONVINCED OF THE MERIT OF THE SYG'S PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING THE STAFFS OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THE INCB. WE NOTE THE ACABQ FINDING THAT THE JUSTIFICATION PRESENTED TO THEM WAS INSUFFICIENT. WE BELIEVE THE SYG'S PROPOSALS ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED AND CAN BE MADE MORE PERSUASIVE TO THE ACABQ NEXT YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNITED STATES IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE ROLE OF THE ACABQ IN RATIONALIZING THE UN BUDGET. WE WILL, THEREFORE, ACQUIESCE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS IT HAS MADE THIS YEAR AND HOPE THAT NEXT YEAR INCREASED ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS NARCOTIC ACTIVITIES. UNQUOTE. INGERSMILL

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